



ISLAND COUNTY PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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~ MEMORANDUM ~

TO: Planning Commission

FROM: Hiller West, Community Development Director

DATE: April 19, 2016

SUBJECT: Proposed amendments – phase II – to Island County Code

BACKGROUND

The Housekeeping amendments to Island County Code have been reviewed and forwarded to the Island County Board of Commissioners with a recommendation of approval. A second set of amendments (phase II) is now being forwarded to the Planning Commission. This second set of amendments was started by former Planning Director Dave Wechner and myself, and has additionally been reviewed by the Prosecuting Attorney's office. Please note that this second set of amendments includes possible definitions of "winery", a subject which has been much discussed this year. Some of these amendments have been discussed for years, others have more recently become necessary because of changes in State law or to Island County Code.

The focus at the April 25th meeting will be to do a quick overview of the proposed amendments, and discuss how they will be considered and dealt with by the Planning Commission. Because of the broad nature of these amendments, and the need for policy discussion on most of them, I would suggest dividing the amendments into groups for sequential consideration. Under that scenario, each group would be addressed first in a workshop process, followed by a public hearing and recommendation. This can be further discussed at the April 25th meeting.

DISCUSSION

The proposed amendments are listed individually in the two attachments. The first attachment is a list of the amendments. The second attachment is a list of alternative definitions for "winery".

If you have any questions, please let me know.